

In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/517,089

Group Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: S. Tawfik

Filed: March 6, 2000

Date: February 27, 2002

Title: VACUUM PACKAGING OF ARTICLES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	18	minus highest number		
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0	x \$ 18.00
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Independent claims after amendment	3	minus highest number		
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00	\$ 0.00
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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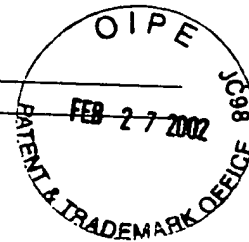
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

I have received a Notice of Abandonment, Paper No. 11, dated April 17, 2003, indicating that no response was filed to the Official Action of February 28, 2002. This is not correct.

An Official Action (restriction requirement) was mailed by the Patent Office on February 11, 2002, the due date for response being March 11, 2002. Applicant filed a Response on February 27, 2002. As proof of this, I have attached a photocopy of the postcard receipt showing the mailroom date stamp of February 27, 2002, as well as a true and correct copy of Response that was filed on that date.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Status Inquiry filed by applicant on February 26, 2003.

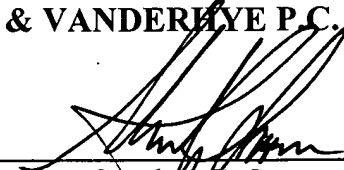
Please kindly reinstate this application and return it to active status since it was inappropriately regarded as "abandoned."

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Respectfully submitted,

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Applicant filed a Response to restriction requirement on February 27, 2002. However, since then applicant has not received any Official Action from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

Please return the enclosed copy of this Status Inquiry with the status reply indicated thereon by facsimile to (703) 816-4100.

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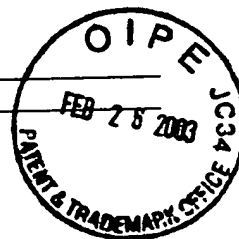
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